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<p>(54) Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FINITE FIELD BASIS CONVERSION</p> <p>(57) Abstract</p> <p>A method and systems provided for basis conversion in a cryptographic system. The method comprises the steps of a first correspondent transmitting an element represented in the first basis to an intermediate processor, the intermediate processor converting the element into a second basis representation and forwarding the converted element to the first correspondent who then uses the converted element in a cryptographic operation. A further embodiment of the invention provides for the intermediate processor to perform the basis conversion on a field element and then forward the converted element to a second correspondent. A still further embodiment of the invention provides for the correspondents in a cryptographic scheme making use of a bit string as a function of a sequence of traces of a field element, wherein the bit string is a shared secret for performing certain cryptographic operations.</p> <div data-bbox="576 1155 1323 1470"> <pre> graph TD     A["A P<sub>1</sub> r = kP<sub>2</sub>"]     H["H"]     B["B P<sub>2</sub>"]     A -- "R<sup>P</sup> P<sub>1</sub>" --&gt; H     H -- "R<sup>P</sup> P<sub>2</sub>" --&gt; B     B -- "R<sup>P</sup> P<sub>1</sub>" --&gt; A     A -- "(s, r)" --&gt; B   </pre> </div>		